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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON PLENARY MEETING, SEPTEMBER 15, 1977 (SALT
TWO - 1398)

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1. IN MEETING PRIOR TO PLENARY I HAD ADVISED SEMENOV THAT
IN ADDITION TO MAKING STATEMENT ON JDT, I WOULD ALSO MAKE A
STATEMENT ON ARTICLE XVI. I GAVE HIM TEXT, AND AFTER HE
EXAMINED IT, HE SAID HE TOO WOULD COMMENT ON ARTICLE XVI, ADDING
THAT IT APPEARED WE HAVE "UNDERSTANDING ON THIS QUESTION IN
UNCODED FORM."

2. AT PLENARY SEMENOV MADE STATEMENT WHICH APPROVED THE JDT
AS OF SEPTEMBER 15, 1977 AND INCLUDED STATEMENT THAT "WE NOTE
AGREEMENT TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANY EXEMPTION TO
THE OBLIGATIONS OF THAT ARTICLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE SOVIET
UNION PROCEEDS FROM THE PREMISE THAT THE OBLIGATION NOT TO USE
DELIBERATE CONCEALMENT MEASURES DOES NOT PRECLUDE THE USE OF
VARIOUS METHODS OF TRANSMITTING TELEMETRIC INFORMATION DURING
TESTING, AND THAT IN THIS CONNECTION IT IS NOT ENVISAGED THAT
THERE BE ANY EXEMPTION TO THE OBLIGATION OF THE SIDES, ESTA-
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BLISHED UNDER ARTICLE XVI."

3. I MADE SIMILAR STATEMENT ON JDT AND INCLUDED PARA RE-
GARDING DATA MEASURED ON BOARD VEHICLES DURING FLIGHT TESTS
(REFTEL).

4. IN POST-PLENARY WITH SEMENOV THERE WAS NOTHING OF SUB-

STANCE. DISCUSSION COVERED PRESS INFORMATION REGARDING CONTINUATION OF NEGOTIATIONS IN GENEVA, THE VISIT OF SENATOR CULVER AND THE WORK PROGRAM FOR NEXT WEEK.

5. IN JOHNSON-SCHNEITER/SHCHUKIN BILATERAL, SCHUKIN ASKED WHAT WE MEAN BY "MEASURES WHICH DENY DATA" AND WONDERED IT THIS WOULD CAUSE PROBLEMS. HE ASKED IF WE WERE SEEKING DIRECT ACCESS TO THEIR DATA, OR IN OTHER WORDS, ACCESS TO THEIR FILES? JOHNSON ANSWERED IN THE NEGATIVE, SHCHUKIN APPEARED TO BE REASSURED INDICATING THAT THE OBLIGATION WAS NOT AN OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE ACCESS, BUT RATHER WAS AN OBLIGATION NOT TO TAKE STEPS TO DENY ACCESS.

6. IN ROWNY/BELETSKY BILATERAL, BELETSKY ASKED WHAT PROBLEMS REMAINED IN JD. ROWNY MENTIONED VERIFICATION, ARTICLE II.1, AGREED DATA BASE AND REDUCTIONS REMAINED AS PROBLEMS BUT NOTED THAT ARTICLE XVI HAD BEEN SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED. BELETSKY SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH SOVIET VERSION OF ARTICLES II.1 AND II.5 AND QUESTIONED OUR CONCERN. ROWNY POINTED OUT THAT IN ARTICLE II SOVIET INSISTENCE TO RETAIN THE TERM "DEPLOYED" AND RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT "CONTAINED OR LAUNCHED " WERE THE DIFFERENCES. BELETSKY SAID THAT IN THE SOVIET VIEW THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM LIES IN ARTICLE VI AND SAID THAT WE SHOULD RETURN TO THE SUBJECT AT A LATER TIME.

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7. IN MCNEILL-BEECROFT/KARPOV-SMOLIN-OBUKHOV BILATERAL KARPOV PRESSED THE ISSUE OF THE JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES AND BASIC GUIDANCE SUGGESTING THAT THE SIDES SHOULD WORK THIS ISSUE SOON IN DRAFTING GROUP.

8. IN RAMEE-PRAY/JOURAVELEV-BEKETOV BILATERAL, JOURAVLEV SAID HE THOUGHT THE RESOLUTION OF ARTICLE XVI WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE FORTHCOMING MEETING IN WASHINGTON AND NOTED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO CONGRESS WITH RESPECT TO RESOLUTION OF VERIFICATION ISSUES. EARLE

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